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PRESIDENT: Do you want to move it?

SENATOR MAHONEY: I would like to, then, ask . . . yes. I'd like to ask . . . I think it's rather strange that Senator Kime wouldn't give the courtesy of putting this over for a week, what the big hurry is. I'd like to ask then that it be set for April 4th.

PRESIDENT: Motion to bracket this bill till April 4th. Any discussion on the motion? Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, this bill has been here in advance from the Public Works Committee. It's been studied over there fairly well. This is a non-controversial bill. There's nothing to it. I object to having it bracketed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I was one of the committee that did hear this bill. I assure you that looking at the language it does look complicated. The problem that has arisen and the reason for this bill is that these companies, power companies or irrigation districts, or whatever they are, were having problems paying their directors. The way it was it said that they couldn't draw over \$100 a month. This is merely changing the amount of dollars that they can draw, and changing it to a year. If these people and this board meets ten times a month that they'll only be paid so much, totally, through the year. It's very innocuous. They're not going to be spending a lot of money. I don't see any reason to bracket it. I think it should be moved on. I think if there's nothing in here that has changed. They are simply changing it from the month to a year. They were, as I've said, having problems. When they met more than so many times a month, or some months that they didn't meet - those people were not being paid. They are just changing it to a year. I think we ought to move it forward.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kime and Senator Mills say move the bill along. Well if you'll notice on the board it's about number 57th. It was moved up because of the attempt to get to non-controversial bills. So holding it a week would not delay it beyond the time that it would have come up. By scheduling it for a certain day it might still come up sooner than it would where it's located now. If the bill does not advance today, not only will it not be hard April 4th, but it's going to drop back down to position 57 which does not include all the bracketed bills. For my own sake in trying to get some understanding of the bill, I support the move to bracket it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was on the committee that heard this bill. Now the situation in these districts, as the law reads now, it allows only \$100 a month . . . or I forget what the original was now, it would be up to \$1800 a year. That restriction on the monthly payment is what bothered them. Some months they would have to meet maybe five or six times. They could only draw the \$100. Other months they wouldn't meet only once or twice and they just draw \$25 per diem. The only thing it does